

## UMW Executive Board

The UMW Executive Board consists of officers and chairpersons from all circles. They meet the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the adult library and childcare is provided. This group is the organizational force behind the West Heights UMW. They plan general meetings and fundraising activities and determine how funds raised are designated among various mission and other church needs. This group of caring women share churchwide joys and concerns and learn of district UMW events, which are then relayed back to each individual circle. This group also completes an annual inventory of the church kitchen in January of every year. The current President is Deanna Yates who may be contacted at @ 721.2193 for additional information.

## General Meetings and Such

UMW has five general meetings during the year that include all circles and invite all congregation members. These general meetings usually include food and have guest speakers that inform of mission programs and other ministries. At each general meeting, items donated are designated for specific mission projects.

All circles share in the responsibility of deep cleaning the church kitchen during the year. Circles also join together to serve church dinners, wedding receptions, funeral dinners and other conferences and functions as requested by the church. Each circle also has an opportunity to organize selected UMW events, based on a predetermined rotation schedule. While this may seem like work, it's really the best time to get to know members of other circles and combine efforts for a great cause.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

of

West Heights United Methodist Church

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

# The Circles of West Heights United Methodist Women (4/05)

## Sarah Circle

26 ladies in the over 50 age range make up the very active Sarah Circle. This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month @ 9:30 a.m. Most of the time they meet in Fellowship Hall, but some ladies prefer to host circle in their homes. Every month this year members are donating peanut butter to UMUM. They also donate funds to Least Coin and World Thank Offering. A few upcoming programs for 2005 include talks on the School of Missions, The Emmaus Walk and Prison Ministry by Rev. Rick Thornton. Sarah Circle also provides a strong support system for UMW and the church all while having a great time together. Ladies of all ages are welcome! For more information please contact Margaret Clemence @ 943.3767.

## Ruth Circle

The ladies of Ruth Circle are a mature, fun group of grandmothers ranging in age from 40 to a young 80! Sharon Chapman is the chairperson and can be contacted at 721.4575 for more information. Interesting programs for the year include a talk from Grace Med and a hands-on How to make "wrap" sandwiches. Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the homes of their members where dessert is shared. The circle's monthly project supports various mission groups such as UMUM, Youthville, Inter-Faith, UMCOR and a school in Haiti. Ruth Circle members are never hesitant to help with other church projects and provide great support for each other.

## Mary Martha Circle

Mary Martha Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of every month at each other's homes. The majority of members are retired and have grandchildren to spoil! Items are collected monthly to support UMUM. These ambitious ladies cooked two Wednesday Night meals for the church family last year and donated proceeds back to UMW. Programs for the upcoming year include talks on Grace Med, Assistance League of Wichita, the history of UMW, a meet & greet with Pastor Mehl, mission trips with Pat Beckham and a book review. For more information contact either Mariann Smith @ 722.0596, [msmithret@aol.com](mailto:msmithret@aol.com) or Sue Stephens @ 729.8336, [gstephens@cox.net](mailto:gstephens@cox.net).

## Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month in members' homes. This group of women vary in age and interests. They have supported and continue to support several local missions such as the Women's Crisis Center, Interfaith Ministries and UMUM. A group of members meet at UMUM once a month to move boxes of cheese from the delivery pallets to the freezer. Members also provide cookies for the volunteers of the Kansas Children's Service League. Programs at their meetings range from mission talks to health and fitness tips. All are welcome to visit or join. For more information please contact Peggy Bing @ 722.2289.

## Elisabeth Circle

The newest UMW circle currently has eight members in the "30 something" range. Most have children between the ages of 18 months to 3rd graders. They meet the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the church and childcare is provided. Their current mission project is the GOZone and monthly donations of various supplies are collected. This circle also plants flowers for the churchyard in the spring and helps with other church enhancement projects. A few upcoming programs include a Recipe Swap with samples, Getting to Know You and a trip to Simple Suppers to Go. All are welcome! For more information please contact Jennie May @ 794.3428 or [ronmksu@swbell.net](mailto:ronmksu@swbell.net).

## Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle is comprised of women in their 30s and 40s, many of which are married with children ranging from infants to high schoolers. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday every month @ 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. This busy circle has delivered meals to the Gerard House, prepared UMCOR kits, worked at the church for an evening and had a family dessert picnic in the summer. Members donate items monthly to support the Interfaith Inn. They would welcome any new members. For more information contact either Stacy Wagner @ 729.6968 or Shelly Jennings @ 773.2070.

## Susanna Circle

Susanna Circle meets the fourth Monday evening of each month. Most of their 12 members work a fulltime job and have children in their teens. Most members of this circle attend the 9:15 church service and generally sit together. Last year this active circle gathered recipes from church members and had a cookbook published. Proceeds purchased a new oven in Haiti and funded our church bathroom renovation project, in which they did the planning and redecorating! A very unique talent of this circle is a skit they wrote and perform about Susanna Wesley, wife of our founder, John Wesley. Anyone wishing to visit a meeting should contact Susan Aleshire @ 722.7112.